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SUBJECT: Old Head Photography of Soviet-Cuban ASW Exercise

John:

1. You evinced interest the other day when [redacted] and I described to you Old Head photography [redacted] in which NPIC PI's found what appears to be a Soviet-Cuban ASW exercise underway. As annotated in the accompanying briefing board and briefing notes, the ships were found in photography of waters about

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2. You will note that the area involved in this particular case is roughly [redacted]. In other words, the ships involved in the exercise were at most those distances from each other at the time of photography. This is only one case involving a particular kind of naval exercise. But, it does cause me to wonder to what extent studies have been done on the kinds of distances involved in various kinds of naval exercises, relative to satellite reconnaissance systems and such factors as film (or power) expenditures for gaining useful coverage of exercises.

3. It also is worth noting that the finding of this activity off Mariel was accomplished during NPIC's scan of all the photography from this Old Head mission, rather than during an earlier "quick and dirty" look by another PI component.

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